



## **BIC UKSLC Revision**

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### **BIC launches UKSLC 1.2 – a refreshed set of *Thema* based subject classification codes for Libraries.**

Book Industry Communication Ltd (BIC), the book industry's independent supply chain organisation, announced today that it has launched a refreshed UK Standard Library Categories (UKSLC) scheme which is now based on the international *Thema* subject categories, where previously it was based on BIC subject categories. Version 1.2 constitutes the first significant update of the scheme since it was launched in 2008 as e4Libraries Subject Category Headings.

The UKSLC scheme is designed for the public library sector to provide library-oriented category headings applicable across the full range of adult non-fiction, fiction and children's/young adult stock.

The updates made to the scheme will future proof it into 2020 and beyond as *Thema* continues to develop and grow.

The key types of changes include the breaking down of larger categories into smaller ones to better aid discoverability and the introduction of new or updated codes to more accurately reflect society. Some examples of the changes made include:

- Changing the heading for the adult non-fiction audience code GLN from "Gay/Lesbian Interest" to "LGBTQ+ Interest".
- Creating the new UKSLC adult fiction subject code, FAB: "Fiction of Black and Asian Interest"
- Creating the new children's and teenage UKSLC subject code, YPS: "Personal and Social Issues"
- Creating a new adult non-fiction subject code of DGL: "Digital Lifestyle".

BIC encourages all UKSLC scheme users to migrate their systems to version 1.2 as soon as possible in order to take advantage of the most up to date information available.

More information on UKSLC 1.2, including statements of endorsement from BIC members, can be found here: <https://www.bic.org.uk/51/UK-Standard-Library-Categories/>

More information on *Thema* can be found here: <https://www.editeur.org/151/Thema/>

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